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LOK SABHA

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COAL RESERVES AND ITS EXTRACTION
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated quantity of good quality coal reserves in the country and the quantity extracted therefrom during the last three years; L.

(b) the extent of shortage of coal in the country during each of the last three years;

(c) the quantity of coal imported during the corresponding periods; and

(d) the steps taken to augment the extraction potential to meet the shortfall?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR.DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.302 for answer on 13.12.06 regarding coal reserves and its extraction.

(a) As per the estimates of Geological Survey of India (GSI), as on 1.1.2006, a total of 253.30 Billion Tonnes of geological resources of coal has so far been estimated in India. This includes 32.097 billion tonnes of coking coal resources and 32.039 billion tonnes of good quality (namely A, B & C grades) non-coking coal resources.

The total good quality coal production during the last three years from the mines of CIL and SCCL is given as under:

Year	(In million tonnes)
2003-04	96.55
2004-05	97.86
2005-06	97.15

(b) As per the Planning Commission, the all India raw coal demand during the years 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 (Revised) was estimated to be 380.91 million tonnes , 405.46 million tonnes and 448.72 million tonnes respectively. Against this estimated demand, the actual all India coal production was 361.24 million tonnes, 382.62 million tonnes and 406.99 million tonnes respectively leaving a gap of 19.67, 22.84 and 41.73 million tonnes respectively.

(c) The quantity of coal imported during the last three years is given below:

	(In million tonnes)
Year	Imported Coal
03-04	21.683
04-05	28.950
05-06	36.869
(Provisional)	

Source: Coal Statistics of Coal Controller`s Organization, Kolkota

(d) Following steps have been taken to augment the extraction potential and to meet the shortfall of coal:-

1. Exploration capacity to prove more coal reserves is being expanded.
2. Faster allocation of more blocks for captive mining.
3. Speedy approval of projects.
4. Increased application of continuous miner and longwall technology in underground mining.
5. Emergency coal production has been planned for increasing production from existing mines/projects.